

will undertake ; but it is one highly advantageous to the progress of the sciences ; and to one who knew the species of ducks as well as the author, it would have been a work of comparative facility.

*The Bee-Keeper's Manual.* By Henry Taylor. pp. 78. Groombridge.

This little tract, though not of much pretension, and in a cheap form, appears to have the merit of being judiciously arranged and well adapted for practical purposes by one who had devoted his attention to the subject as a favourite pursuit. It was designed, the author informs us, as " a brief practical compendium of the management of Bees, and in particular on the humane or depriving system, *in collateral ventilating boxes*, as constructed by himself."

" On reviewing his experience as a bee-keeper," he adds, " the author was led to believe that the result of it, added to a concise view of such particulars as are usually spread over a large surface in works of this nature, and arranged according to the progressive order of the seasons, might be useful to others, seeking like himself occasional relaxation from weightier matters, in watching over and protecting these interesting and valuable insects. Step by step, this or that defect of construction in his hives had been remedied, and such conveniences added, as necessity or the spirit of improvement from time to time had suggested. These are briefly described in the following little work."

Mr Taylor concludes his Manual, in which he states that " he has confined himself entirely to matters of practice," with the following remark : " My attention has been chiefly directed to the mechanical part of bee-keeping. Beyond this I have no leisure or opportunity to go, although doubtless much remains to be done in the pursuit of scientific investigation. Those who wish to enter into the question of the internal economy and the general physiology of the honey-bee may consult a variety of works. The principal of these are quoted in Mr. Huish's and Dr. Bevan's elaborate publications, in which are detailed a number of valuable facts, together with the results of many experiments."

Of Dr. Bevan's copious and highly interesting work, " *The Honey Bee*," a new and improved edition has been just received, and will claim our early notice.

*Monograph of the Genus Cœnothera.*

We are happy to be able to state that a " *Monograph of the Genus Cœnothera*" is in preparation, with drawings from the pencil of